



Soda Springs P4 Plant - CERCLA Update



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Information Request from City: 2018 Year in Review

- // Summary of Work Completed in 2018
- // Preliminary results & findings from 2018
- // 5-Year Review Status/Update
- // Schedule of Reports
 - // Annual Report
 - // Site Investigation Reports
 - // Project Completion Reports
- // Any additional pertinent Site impacts



2018 Significant Milestones

- // 5 YR Review Report (EPA)

- // Well Installations

 - // 10 monitor wells + 5 engineering wells

 - // New well development and sampling

- // Annual Sampling

- // UBZ-1&2 pump testing

- // Se Treatment Demonstration Unit

 - // Vendor selection

 - // Preliminary design complete

 - // Detailed design underway



4th 5-Year Review completed by EPA in 2018

// Entire report can be found on EPA website:

// <https://www.epa.gov/superfund>

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// Completed items from 2013 5-Year Review

// Issues/Recommendations from 2018 5-Year Review



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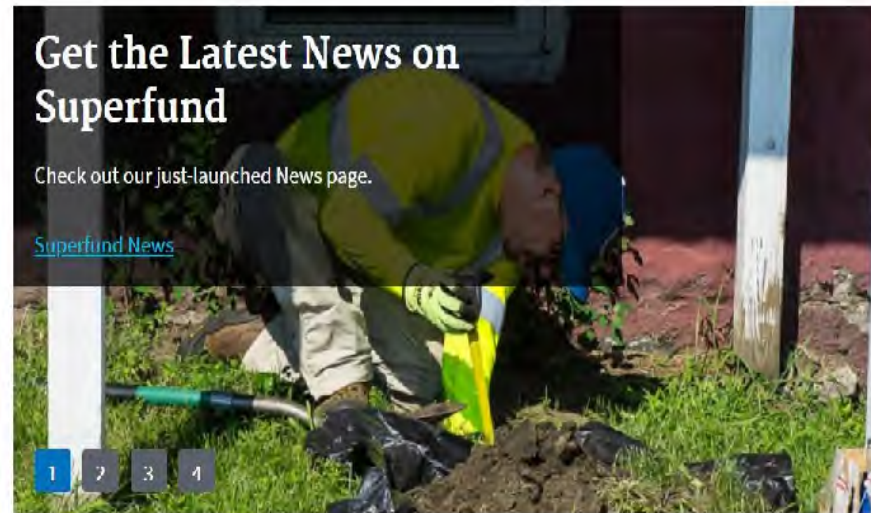
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2013 Recommendations

1. Define full extent of groundwater plume: Component of Focused Remedial Investigation (FRI)
2. Domestic Well Survey: Complete 4/15, 4 Wells below Monsanto RG's
3. Source Characterization: Complete (Individual Reports & FRI)
4. Sediment Monitoring Soda Creek: Complete



2018 Recommendations

1. Complete FRI & Focused Feasibility Study (FFS)
2. Develop Institutional Control plan for Groundwater
3. Source Extent and Response (FRI/FFS)
4. Soda Creek Sediment Monitoring (2022 5-YR Review)
5. Annual Surface Water Quality (Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment or Explanation of Significant Differences ESD))
6. Execute FRI...FFS



2018 Well Drilling

15 Wells

- TW89-90: Southwest Selenium Plume refinement
- TW91-98: UBZ3-4 gradient definition, fault delineation, MST
- TW99-103: Engineering Wells for future water management



Annual Water Quality Sampling

OVERVIEW

- Completed June 5 to June 21, 2018
- Sample Locations:
 - 92 Wells including:
 - 4 Plant Wells
 - 1 Irrigation Well (b) (6) and 1 Industrial Well (Independent Drilling)
 - 86 Monitoring Wells including 2018 Monitoring Wells
 - 11 Springs
 - Calf Spring and Humble Spring dry June 2018 – No Samples
 - 14 Surface Water Locations (Soda Creek, Power Canal, Little Spring Creek)
 - 2 Non-Contact Cooling Water Locations



2018 Water Quality Sampling

KEY FINDINGS

- General water quality trends unchanged except:
 - In UBZ-1 and UBZ-2 influenced by pumping test
 - ✓ POC wells TW-20, 54, 55 now less than Se RG
 - ✓ POC wells TW-20, 39, 54 now less than NO3 RG
 - ✓ POC well TW-39 now less than F RG
 - Isolated locations at North End of Plant (e.g., TW-50) now appear to be trending to lower concentrations in some but not all wells
- Nature and Extent of Plumes similar to last year interpretation except selenium & nitrate

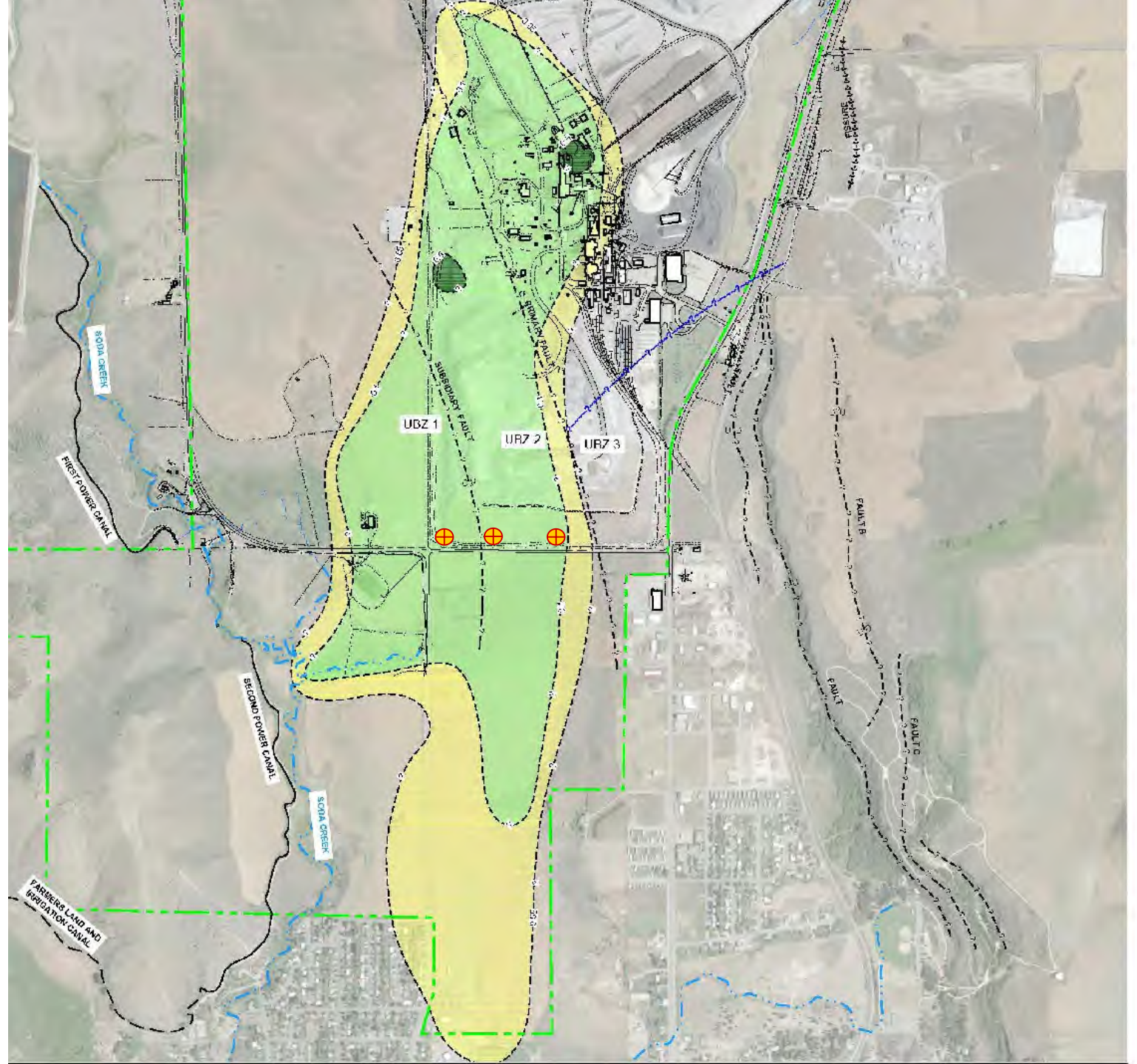


Point of Compliance Locations





2017 Selenium Plume





Groundwater Plume Response

// How much water?

// Model supplemented with extensive pump testing

// Quality of Groundwater?

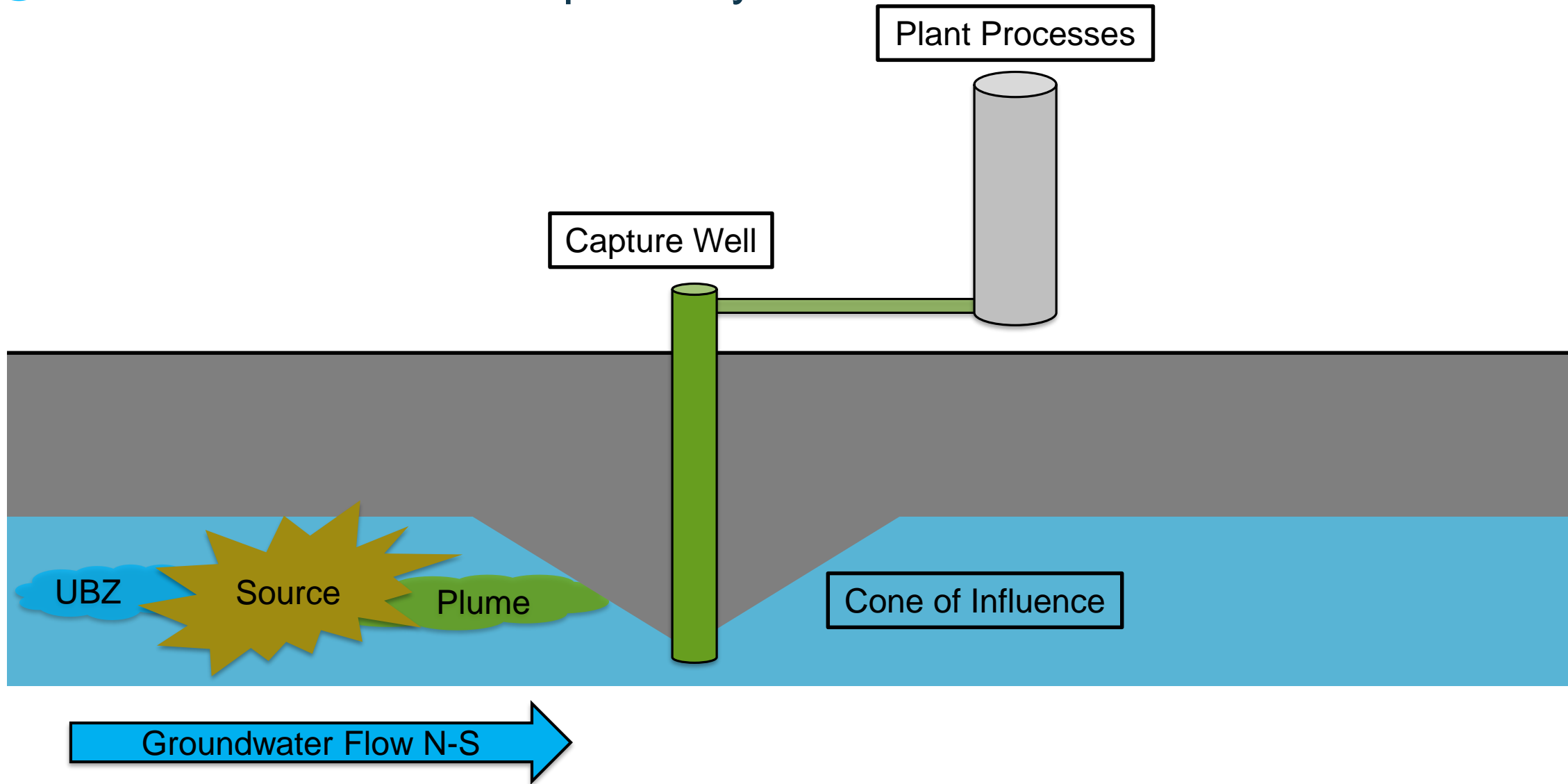
// Concentrations and changes over time...sampling during pump testing

// How to manage the water?

// Consumptive (evaporation) combined with treatment

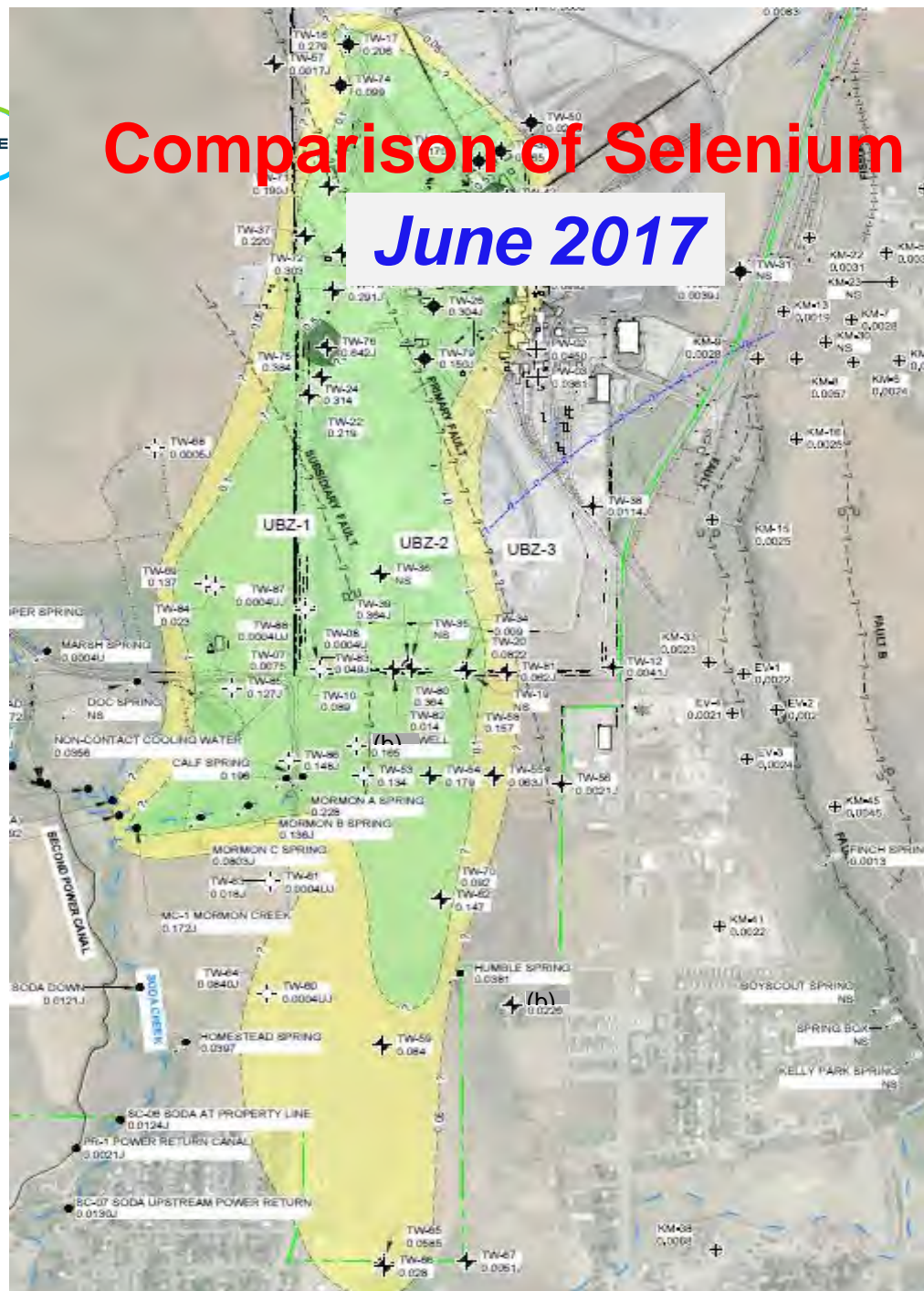


Selenium Plume Capture System

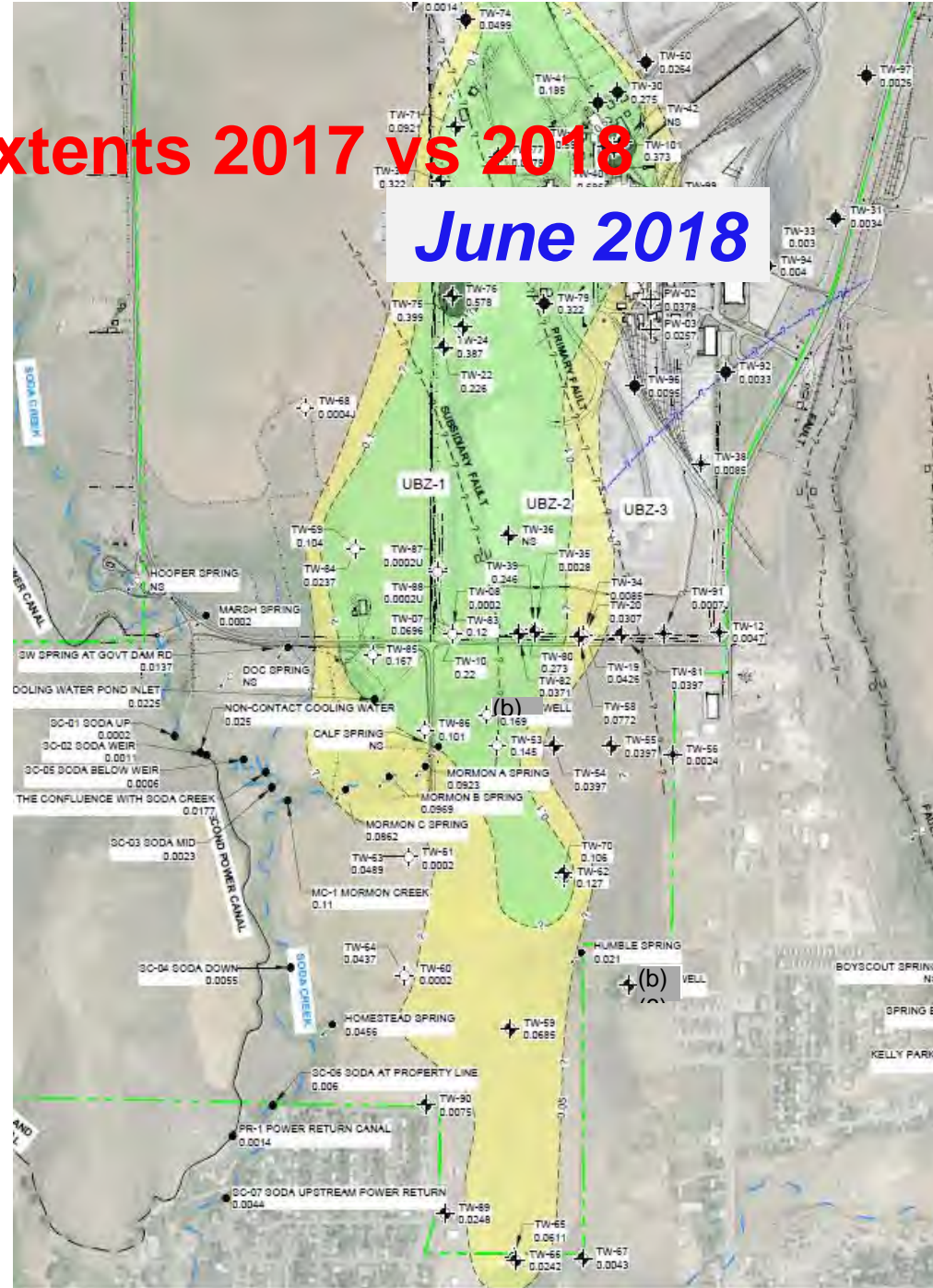


Comparison of Selenium Plume Extents 2017 vs 2018

June 2017



June 2018





Selenium Plume Capture System





Capture Wells

Selenium Treatability

// Pump Testing

// July 2017-July 2018

// Rate: 0gpm to >400gpm (170gpm target)

// Rates vary due to plant usage limits and seasonal variability

// Selenium concentration ~250ppb (combination of 3 wells)

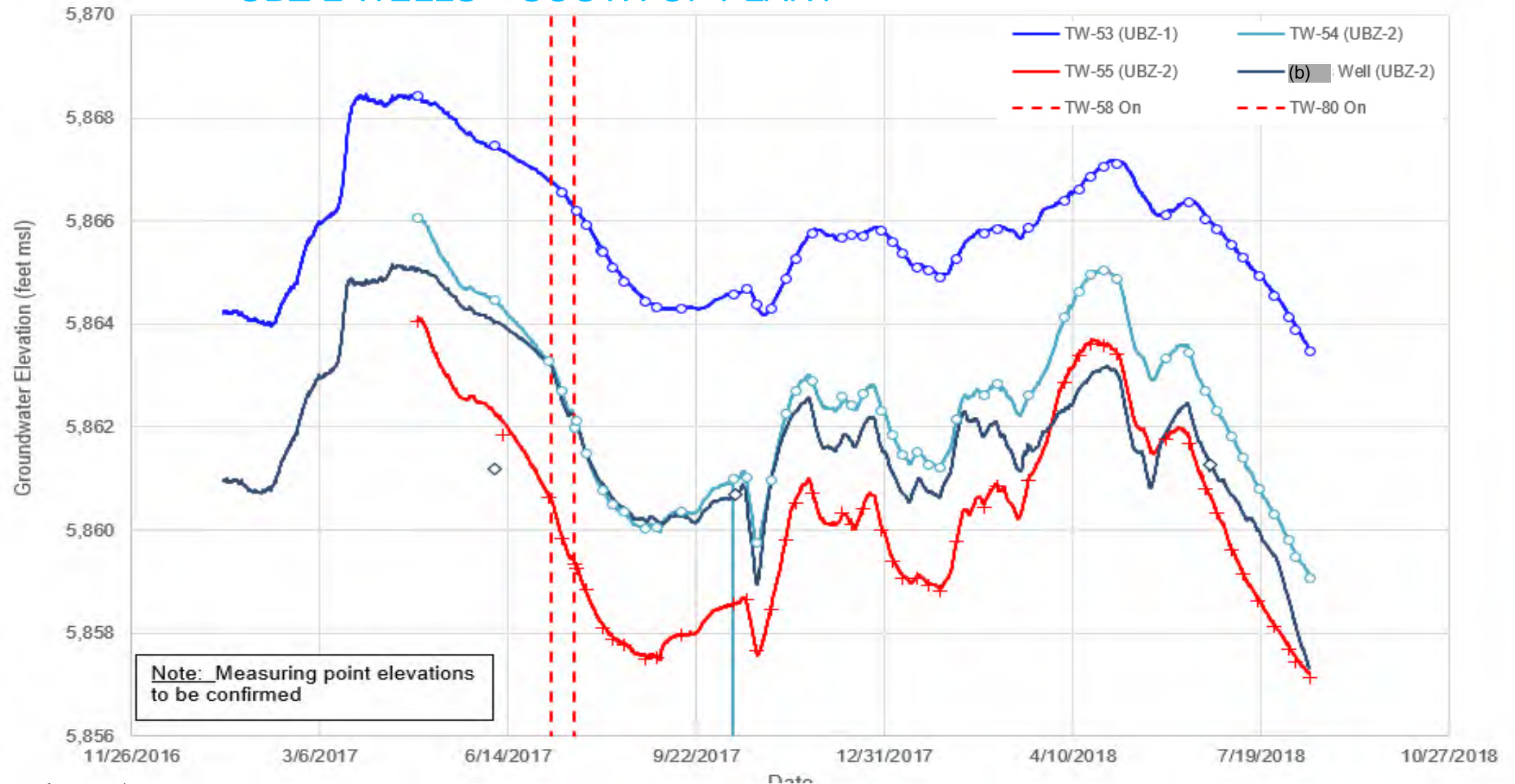
// Data - input to groundwater flow model

// Captured water kept within the plant (used to evaporation)



Pump Testing of Capture Wells

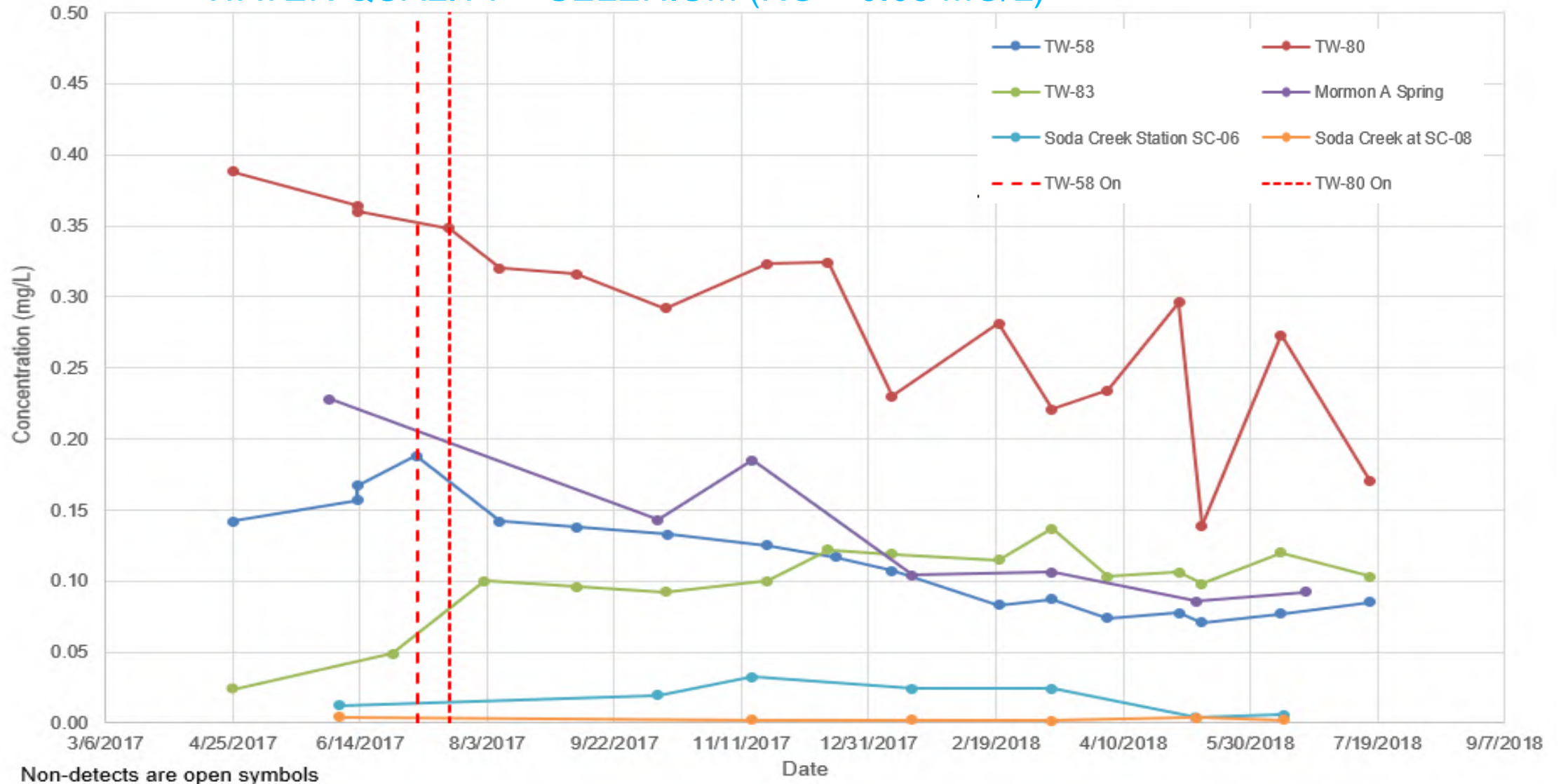
UBZ-2 WELLS – SOUTH OF PLANT





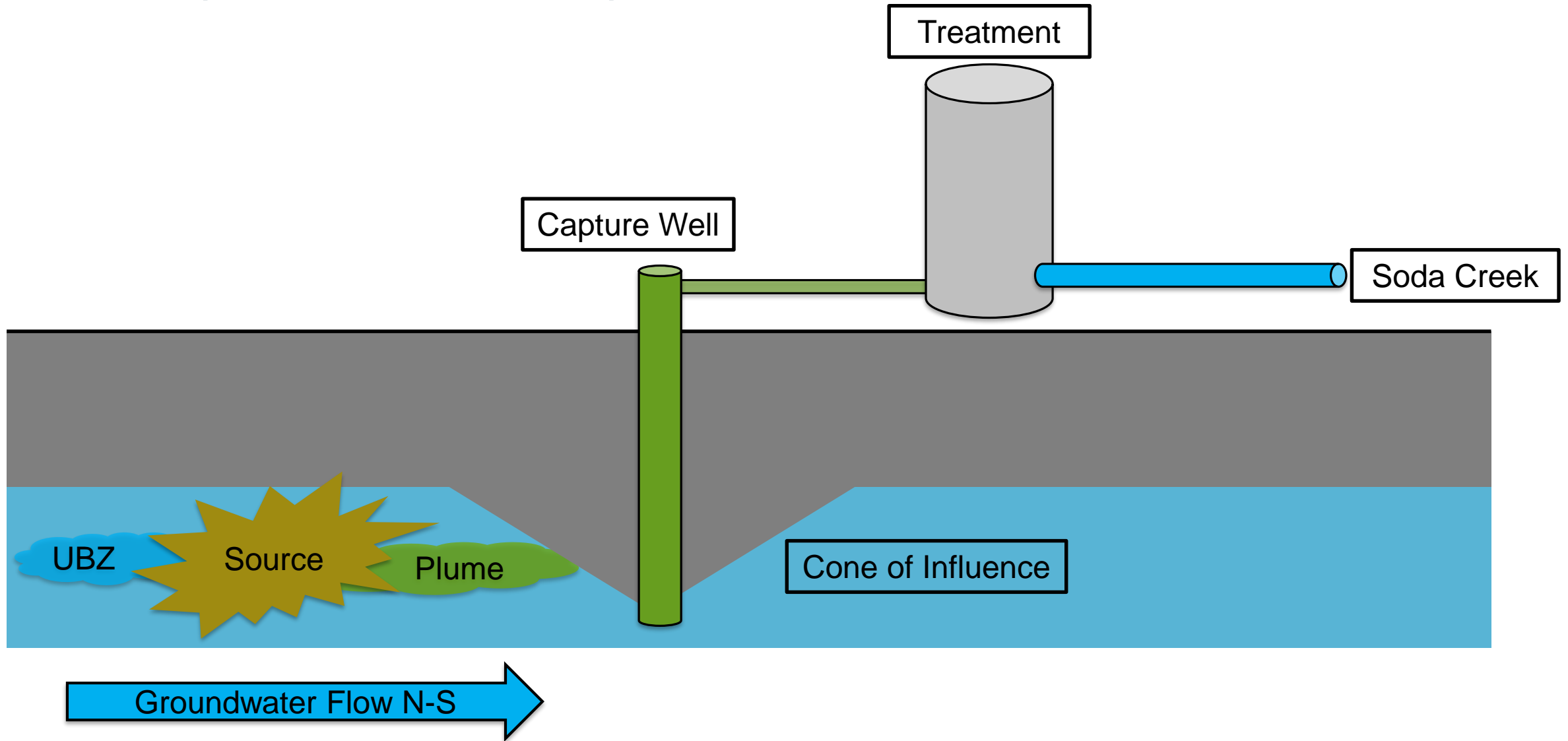
Pump Testing of Capture Wells

WATER QUALITY – SELENIUM (RG = 0.05 MG/L)





Pump and Treat Concept





Status: Water Treatment Study

Selenium Treatability

// Technology Screening

- // Two vendors identified: Frontier Water Systems, SeHawk & GE, AbMet (sold to Suez)

- // Based on water chemistry and anticipated treatment goals

// Pilot Testing (2015-2017)

- // 4-8 months for each vendor

- // <5gpm

- // Selenium reduction from ~300ppb to <10ppb



Suez AbMet Pilot System





**DRAFT
PRELIMINARY DATA
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

Total Selenum, µg/L

Removal Efficiency (%)

Influent - Total

Effluent - Total

Selenium goal (<5 ppb)

Transition Period (3.5-2.5 hr EBCT)

Start-up

Test Period 1 (4 hr EBCT)

Test Period 2 (5 hr EBCT)

Test Period 3 (2 hr EBCT)

Start-up Period

Test Period 1 (4 hr EBCT)

Test Period 2 (5 hr EBCT)

Test Period 3 (2 hr EBCT)

9/26/14 10/6/14 10/16/14 10/26/14 11/5/14 11/15/14 11/25/14 12/5/14 12/15/14 12/25/14 1/4/15 1/14/15



Monsanto
Soda Springs, ID

ABMet Pilot Plant

Selenium Concentrations (ASC)

C-NAME	KMLB	DATE	1/8/2015	JOB NO	9131101003
C-FILE		SCA FILE	N/A	LOGG (K-M-NO. R.)	
K-VIEW-)		FILE NAME		FILE NO	1



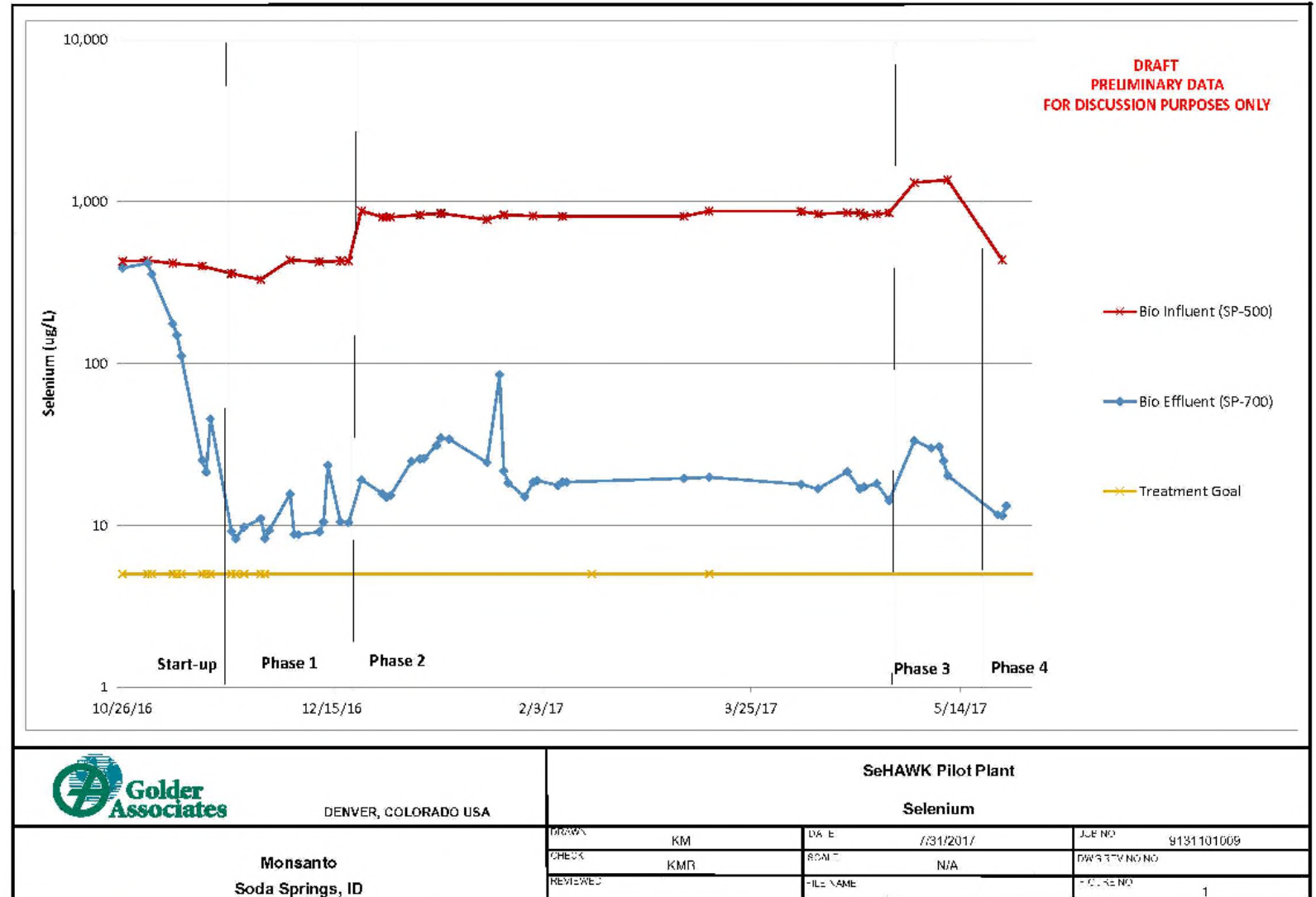
Frontier SeHawk Pilot System





Frontier Water Systems, SeHawk

Selenium Treatability





Selenium Treatment Systems

Frontier Water Systems (SeHawk)



Suez (AbMet)

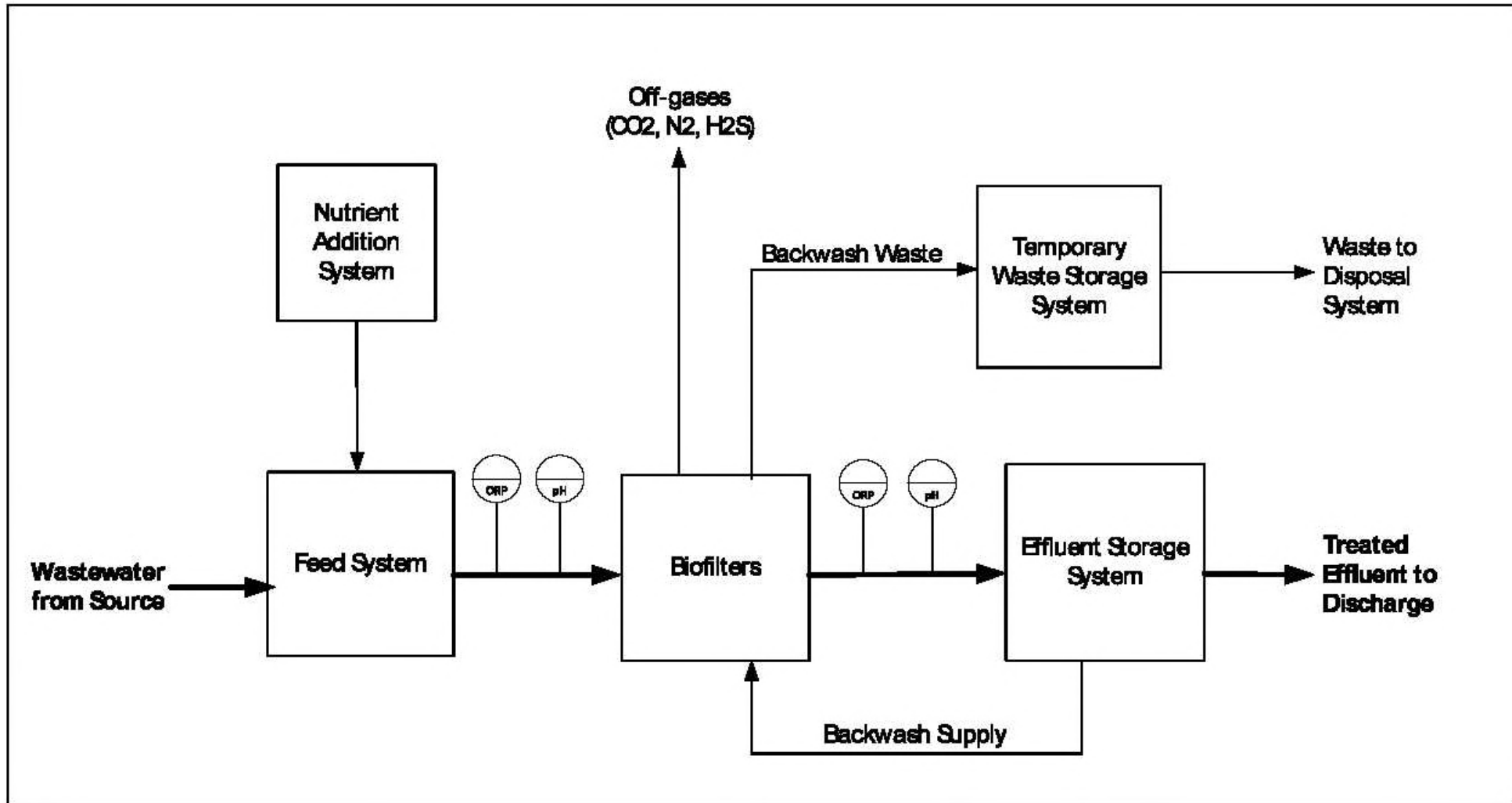


<https://www.waterworld.com/articles/iww/print/volume-15/issue-6/features/new-effluent-limit-guidelines-for-steam-electric-power.html>



Suez Selenium Treatment

Demonstration Unit





Selenium Treatment Next Steps

Selenium Treatability

// Water Data + Treatment Technology = Demonstration Unit:

// 400gpm

// ~300ppb influent

// <10ppb effluent

// Suez's AbMet selected based on extensive decision matrix

// Performance

// Complexity

// Cost



Suez Selenium Treatment

Demonstration Unit

// Suez & Golder and Assoc.

// 5 reactor system + ancillary equipment

// Preliminary Engineering (30%) complete 10/15/18

// Bayer

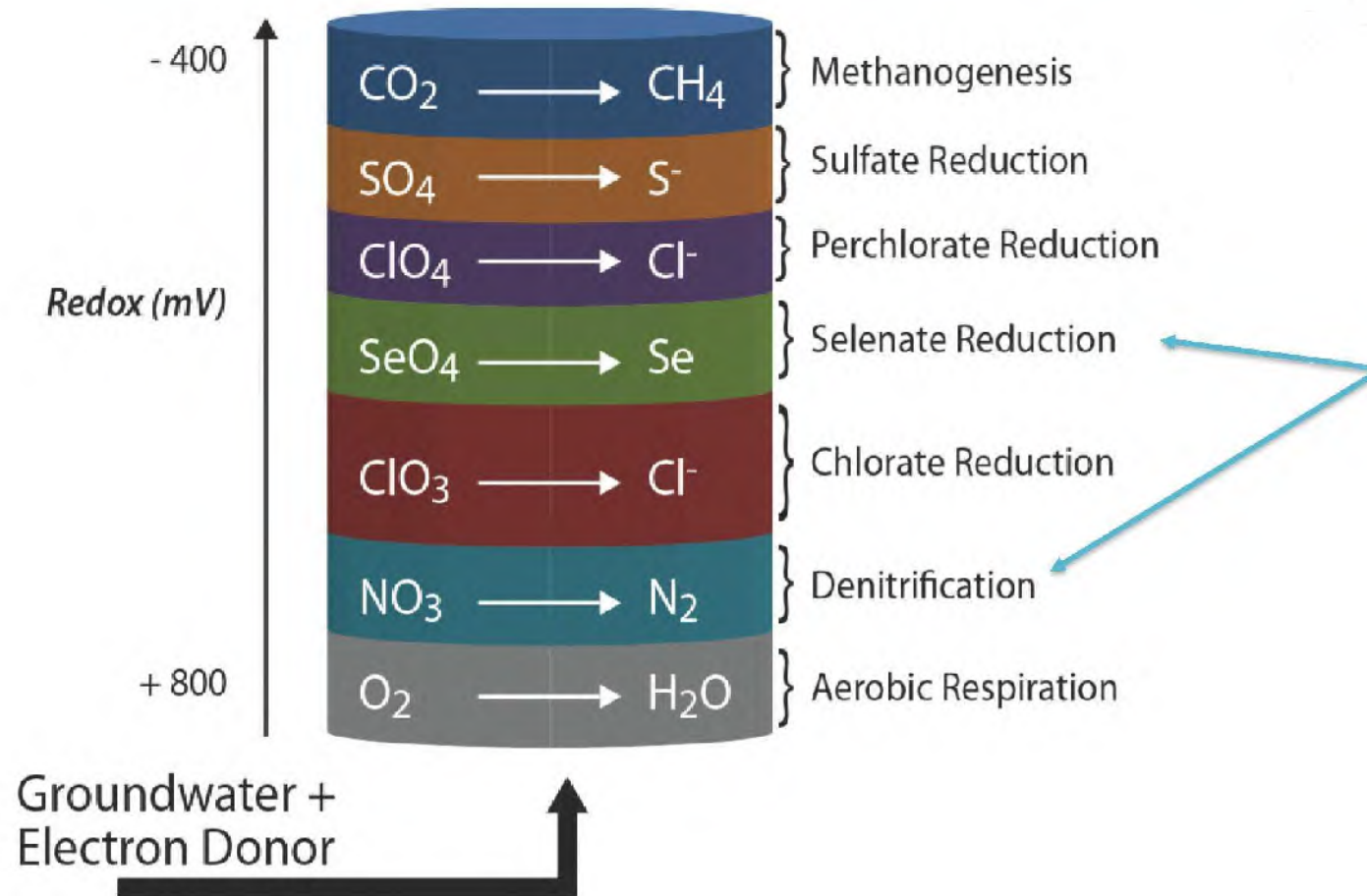
// Utility Design and Delivery

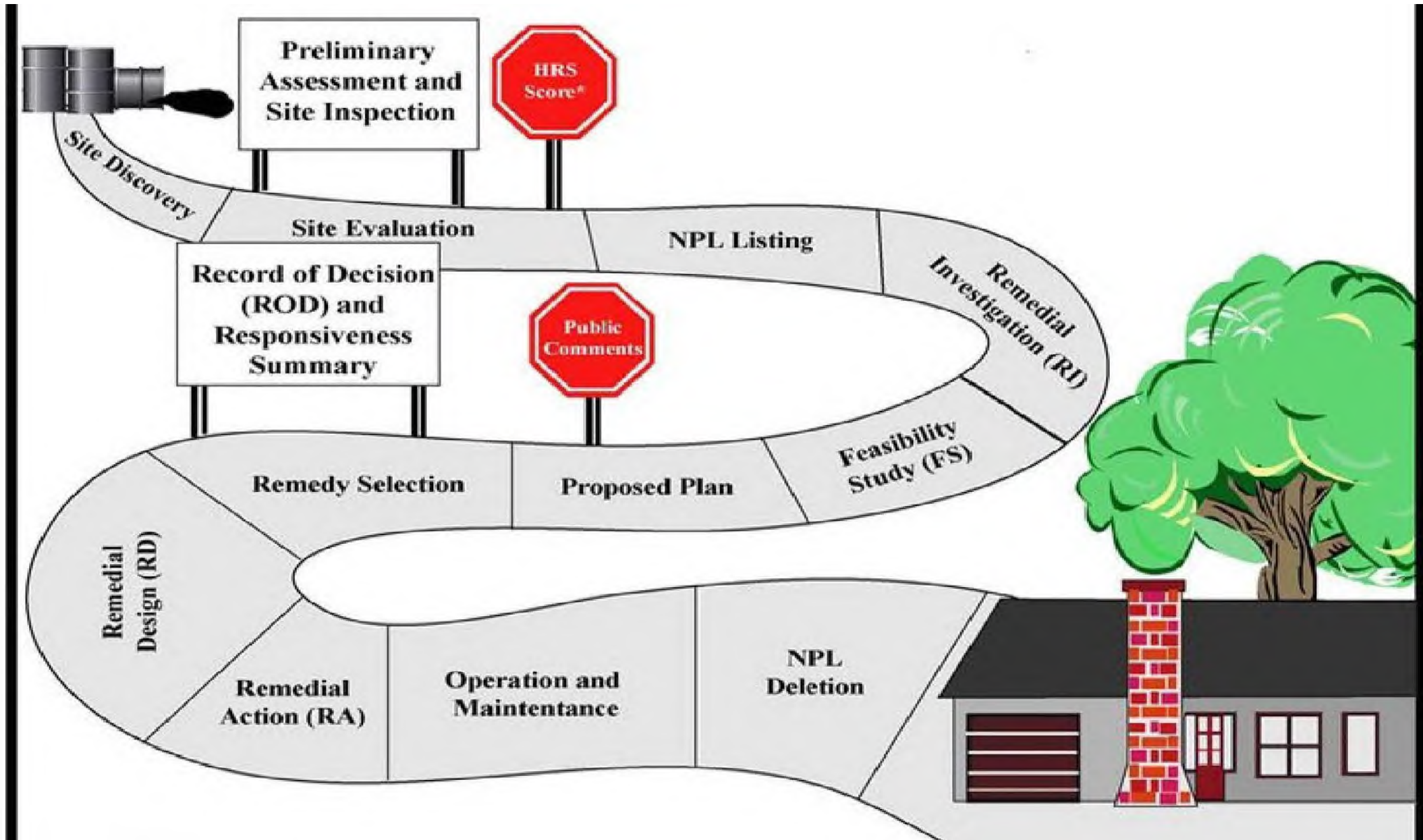
// Structure Design

// Regulatory management

Redox Profile of Biological Reduction

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CERCLA Schedule (estimated dates)

- Focused Remedial Investigation: Late 2019
 - Water Quality: Annual Reports & 5-Yr Reviews
 - Source Characterization
 - Hydrogeology/Fate & Transport
- Focused Feasibility Study: Late 2022
 - Pump and Treat Evaluation
 - Technology Screening/Pilot Testing
- Record of Decision: 2023-2024
 - Remedial goals defined & Remedy selected
- Remedial Action
 - Implementation of selected remedy



Demonstration Unit Key Items (dates subject to change)

- // Vendor Selection: October 2018
- // 30% Engineering (preliminary): December 2018
 - // Suez equipment on order
- // 60% Engineering (detailed): February 2019
 - // Building Spec & Ancillary design
- // 90% Engineering: May-June 2019
- // 100% Engineering: July 2019
 - // Groundbreaking August-September 2019
 - // Construction complete-Startup: February 2020
- // Commissioning: February-June 2020 (~18 months runtime)



Questions?



Thank you!

